

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 09/582,868 (Q78179)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): A nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery comprising the following elements:

an electricity-generating element ~~comprising~~having a positive electrode plate and a negative electrode plate ~~provided~~ opposed to each other with a separating material interposed therebetween, and lead terminals electrically connected to said electrode plates, respectively, ~~i.e., positive electrode lead terminal and negative electrode lead terminal; and~~

a battery case, which is made of a resin sheet, which is open in one or two directions prior to sealing and is sealed by welding the openings with~~accommodating~~ said electricity-generating element ~~received therein, and~~ having welded portions in which overlapped portions of the resin sheet are sealed together, said lead terminals inserted in~~extending through one of said openings~~welded portions;

~~(The~~wherein the thickness of the one of said welded portion~~portions of the imposed edges of the opening of said battery case is greater at the~~an inner end thereof than at ~~the~~an outer end thereof.)

11. (currently amended): The nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery according to Claim 10, wherein ~~said electricity-generating element is formed by winding said positive electrode plate and~~ said negative electrode plate on its~~are wound about a winding axis in such~~

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~~an arrangement that the section almost perpendicular to the winding axis is, such that said~~
electricity-generating element has an ellipsoidal cross-sectional shape, and

wherein said electricity-generating element is received in said battery case, ~~in such~~
~~that an arrangement that the winding axis is perpendicular to the plane of the opening of the~~
~~battery case~~one of said welded portions.

12. (currently amended): The nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery according to Claim 10, wherein ~~the~~said resin sheet ~~constituting said battery case~~ is a metal-laminated film comprising a metal foil and a resin layer laminated on each other.

13. (currently amended): The nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery according to Claim 11, wherein ~~the~~said resin sheet ~~constituting said battery case~~ is a metal-laminated film comprising a metal foil and a resin layer laminated on each other.

Claims 14-33. (canceled).

34. (currently amended): A nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery comprising ~~the following elements:~~

an electricity-generating element ~~comprising~~having a positive electrode plate and a negative electrode plate ~~provided~~ opposed to each other with a separating material interposed therebetween, and lead terminals electrically connected to said electrode plates, respectively; and

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a battery case, which is made of a resin sheet having welded portions in which overlapped portions of said resin sheet are welded together, which is open in one or two directions prior to sealing and is sealed by welding the openings with accommodating said electricity-generating element ~~received therein, and said lead terminals inserted in one of said openings extending through one of said welded portions;~~

~~(The foregoing wherein said lead terminals are each bent at a radius of from 0.5 mm to 4 mm.)~~

35. (currently amended): The nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery according to Claim 34, wherein ~~the~~ said bent portion of each of said lead terminals is covered by a resin layer.

36. (currently amended): The nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery according to Claim 35, wherein ~~the~~ said resin layer ~~by which said lead terminals are covered is made of a resin tube~~ of material that is different from the material of said battery case.

37. (currently amended): The nonaqueous secondary electrolytic battery according to Claim 35, wherein ~~the~~ said resin layer ~~by which said lead terminals are covered comprises a lead covering portion formed by~~ is a partially extending the extended portion of said resin sheet constituting said battery case.

Claims 38-61. (canceled).